Crop Circles and UFOs: What's the Connection?

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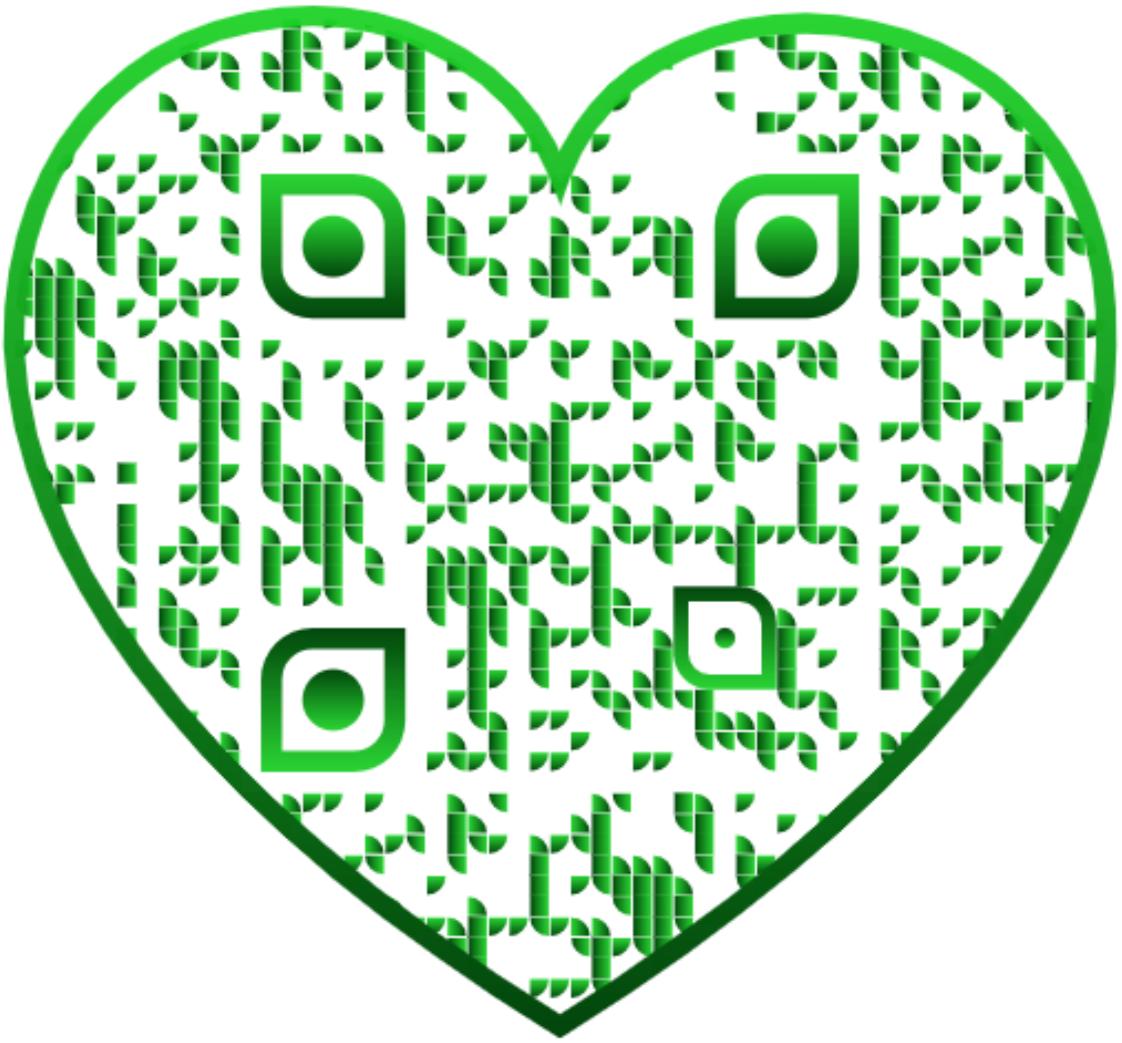
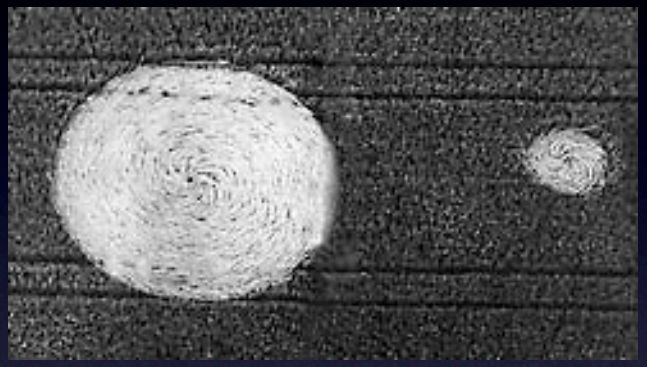


Introduction

- Sooner or later, a UFO researcher comes across crop circles. They are part of the allied UFO literature.
- But what is the connection?
- Is there any "hard" evidence?
- Is there any circumstantial evidence?
- But first, let's look at characteristics, history, and an Oregon crop circle in detail.
- Then examine the UFO/crop circle connection.
- End with theories of formation and "fitness" of the theories.

Designs

1972 - 1989



Source: www.lovely.clara.net/crop_circles_early.html

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Source: cropcircleconnector.com.

Characteristics

- Appear overnight; apparently within minutes.
- Any kind of crop; mostly wheat.
- Over 30 years, simple to complex design. Today, very complex designs.
- Hundreds of feet in size sometimes.
- Majority in Southern England, some in U.S., Canada, various European countries, Japan.
- Plant node elongation, "expulsion cavities," soil anomalies, plant germination anomalies, etc.

History (1)

- Basically starts early 1980s in England; over a thousand catalogued by 1990s.
- Colin Andrews, Pat Delgado are first researchers.
- Terrence Meaden, meteorologist, tries various natural science explanations; fails.
- Formations get rapidly more complex thru 1980s.
- Become media sensation in late 1980s.
- Dave and Doug claim responsibility for formations. This claim goes worldwide in a day. Featured in all newspapers and TV news.

History (2)

- In 1990s, formations continue and spread to U.S., Canada, Japan, other European countries.
- Hoaxers become more prominent. They muddy the waters about formation origins.
- Researchers continue on; formations get more and more complex.
- News organizations lose all interest.
- Environmental artists muddy waters even more.
- In 2000s, scientific research by BLT Research and Eltjo Haselhoff is ignored.

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (1)

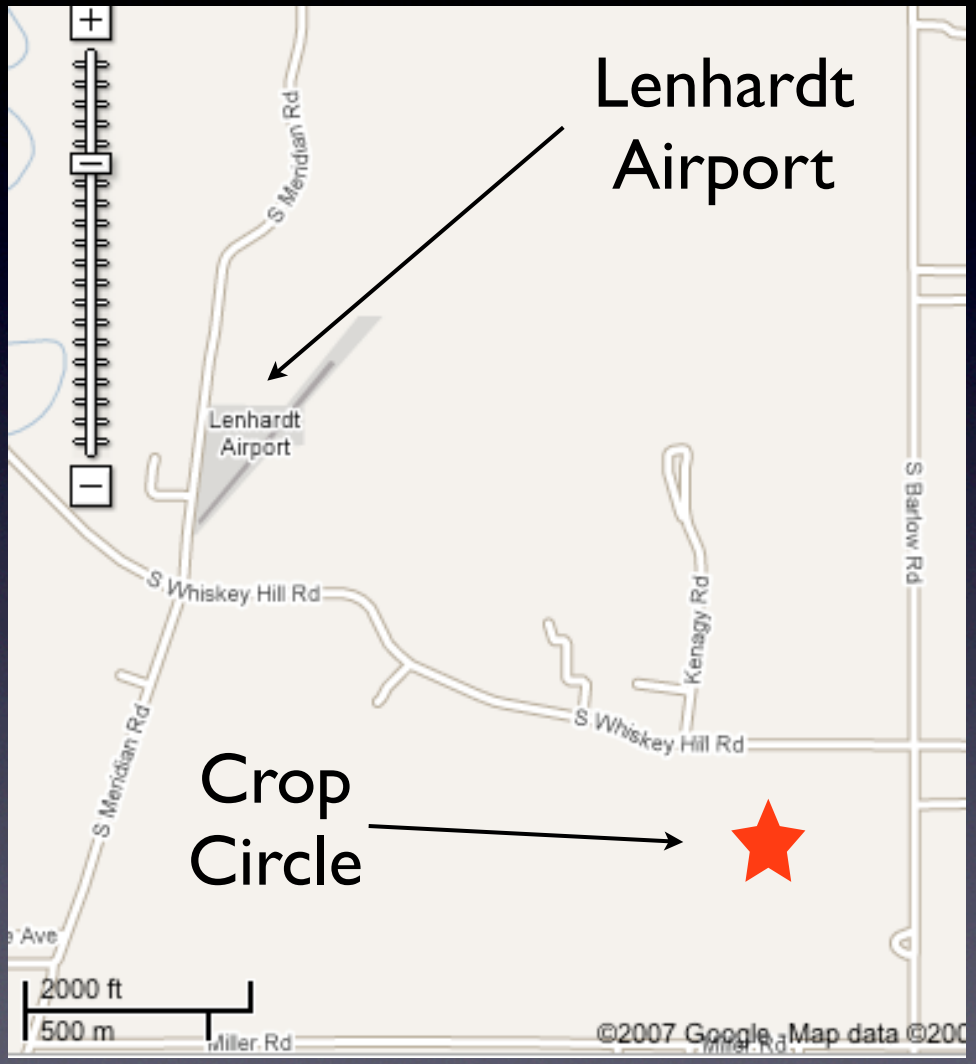
- ***When and where:*** July 21-22, 1998, near Lenhardt Airport and Hubbard, OR, near S. Whiskey Hill Rd.
- ***Evidence:*** Crop circle in field of dry wheat; results of BLT Research.
- ***Description:*** Apparently overnight, a crop circle appeared in Doug Aamodt's wheat field. Crop circle researchers Ken Ardinger and Carol Pedersen alerted him to it.
- It was discovered by a pilot probably from Aurora Airport or Lenhardt Airport less than a mile away.
- An aerial view was shown on KOIN TV July 22.
- Many enthusiasts showed up due to publicity.

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (2)

- Ken Ardinger and Carol Pedersen, crop circle researchers with Centre for Crop Circle Studies investigated.
- The formation could not be seen from S. Whiskey Hill Road.
- Mike Downey and Keith Rowell of Oregon MUFON investigated. Took measurements, crop samples, soil samples, photos, etc., and sent them to Nancy Talbot at BLT Research.
- BLT Research found the characteristics of genuine crop circles in the Whiskey Hill material. See *bltresearch.com*.
- One witness described a strange, lighted flying object maneuvering in the formation vicinity *after* it appeared.

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (3)

Source: Dave Olson



Source: Google Maps

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (4)

Source: Keith Rowell

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (5)

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Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (6)

Source: Keith Rowell

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (7)

Source: Keith Rowell

Evidence: UFO Connection

- UFOs are sometimes seen over and around crop formations. However, classic, structured UFOs have been described only a few times in the literature in the immediate vicinity of a crop formation during the night of its creation.
- Small (2 to 3 foot diameter) balls of light (BOLs) UFOs have been seen many times and even photographed and videotaped a number of times.
- Many people have described odd feelings of elation or sickness, watches malfunctioning, electronic cameras and instruments failing (batteries draining), odd sounds showing up in audio or video recordings, etc.

Evidence: UFO Activity

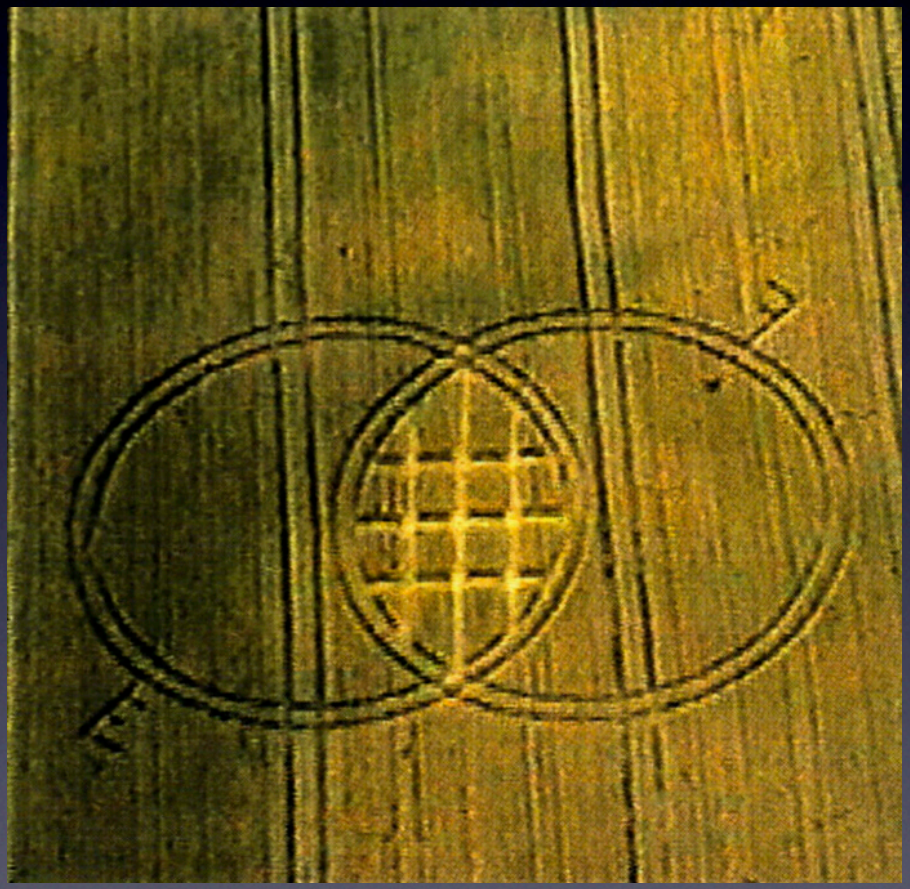
- In UK, (11:30 pm, 7-13-88), Mary Freeman "saw . . . a large, golden, disc-shaped object" that shown "a bright white parallel beam" toward the ground. A formation in the field appeared a few days later. "Her report is similar to . . . others reported . . . above circle fields." (Delgado, p. 115)
- "[In UK], at 12:45 a.m. the next morning [after Colin Andrews flew over an 11 circle formation], a local resident . . . saw a bright orange light . . .about thirty feet in diameter moving vertically down toward the field in front of Silbury Hill. . . . The next morning, a twelfth circle had been added [to the previously existing formation]." (Howe, p. 11)
- In UK (3:30 am, 7-17-91), a farm warden "heard a most colossal roar coupled with a pulsing hum . . . like one hundred planes going over." (Howe, p. 5)

Evidence: Balls of Light (1)

- In UK, (7-26-90), Steve Alexander caught on videotape "a small (six inches in diameter) white disk-shaped object purposefully moving in and out of the Milk Hill crop circle." (InfoSource Research)
- "In 1995, Fox TV's Sightings featured a similar disk filmed in August of 1991 by Constantin and Mucki von Durckheim." (InfoSource Research)
- In 1999, German circle researchers Koch and Kyborg created a circle artificially to communicate by meditation with the genuine circle makers. The day of the meditation Hans Niehaus photographed a BOL over the field. (Hein, p. 147)
- In UK (6-18-00), Peter Sorenson flew over a formation near Bishops Canning and videotaped a BOL. (Hein, p. 149)

Evidence: Balls of Light (2)

Koch/Kyborg Artificial Formation



Source: Opening Minds

Hans Niehaus Photo

Source: Opening Minds

Evidence: Balls of Light (3)

Peter Sorenson Video of BOL Over Bishop Cannings Down Crop Formation, UK, 6-18-2000

Source: Opening Minds

Evidence: EM & Human Effects (1)

- Colin Andrews: "There is frequently a high level of interference with electronic equipment inside the crop circles." (Andrews, p. 159)
- ". . . in July 1989, the BBC recorded the same [as Andrews did earlier] crop circle sound. . . . the sound was a 5.2 kilohertz frequency . . . . A BBC TV camera was destroyed during the taping." (Andrews, p. 105)
- ". . . in the oil seed rape formation near West Kennett Long Barrow early in May 1998, [an audio] tape [machine] speeded up so much that . . . [when played back at normal speed] it sounded like gobbledegook." (Pringle, p. 93)
- UK researcher Christopher Weeks stepped into and out of the Crescent formation which caused him to forget and then remember why he was there. (Pringle, p. 64)

Evidence: EM & Human Effects (2)

- In 1991 Paul Vigay held his mobile phone just beyond the edge of a formation where it worked fine. Inside, no signal. (Pringle, p. 88)
- "In August 1998, [a UK couple moved into a house which had a crop circle] about a 100 yards (91m) from the house. . . . About three or four weeks later, every clock in the house lost exactly one hour — battery-run clocks, wind-up ones . . ." (Pringle, p. 90)
- "[Some UK researchers in the 1995 Beckhampton Spiral] felt very unwell in the formation, suffering severe migraines, and had great difficulty in gathering plant samples. . . . [Back in our car we] happily [drove] on the wrong side of the A10 [major highway]. . . . we twice got lost getting home . . . (Pringle, p. 64)

Theories

- Basically, there are only five theories:
    - Natural causes: meteorological "vortices," lodging, electromagnetic fault activity?, etc.
    - Ordinary human caused: hoaxers, environmental artists, spiritual experimenters, etc.
    - Secret military/intelligence activity.
    - Non-human, non-ET alien intelligence.
    - UFO ET alien-related activity.
- Which one fits the evidence the best?

Theories: Natural Causes

Evidence	Confirmed?
Appear overnight; apparently within minutes.	Yes
Any kind of crop; mostly wheat.	Yes
At least 30 years; simple to very complex design.	No
Hundreds of feet in size many times.	Yes
Southern England, U.S., Canada, Japan, Belgium, Germany, Australia.	Yes
Node elongation; expulsion cavities; soil & germination anomalies; etc.	No
Balls of light, UFOs in and around vicinity sometimes.	No
Odd, residual electromagnetic effects.	Maybe
Odd, "psychic" effects on people; distress and elation effects; etc.	No

Theories: Human-Caused

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Theories: Military/Intel Activity

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Southern England, U.S., Canada, Japan, Belgium, Germany, Australia.	Yes
Node elongation; expulsion cavities; soil & germination anomalies; etc.	Maybe
Balls of light, UFOs in and around vicinity sometimes.	No
Odd, residual electromagnetic effects.	Maybe
Odd, "psychic" effects on people; distress and elation effects; etc.	Maybe

Theories: "Spiritual" Intelligence

Evidence	Confirmed?
Appear overnight; apparently within minutes.	Yes
Any kind of crop; mostly wheat.	Yes
At least 30 years; simple to very complex design.	Yes
Hundreds of feet in size many times.	Yes
Southern England, U.S., Canada, Japan, Belgium, Germany, Australia.	Yes
Node elongation; expulsion cavities; soil & germination anomalies; etc.	Maybe
Balls of light, UFOs in and around vicinity sometimes.	Maybe
Odd, residual electromagnetic effects.	Maybe
Odd, "psychic" effects on people; distress and elation effects; etc.	Yes

Theories: UFO ET Intelligence

Evidence	Confirmed?
Appear overnight; apparently within minutes.	Yes
Any kind of crop; mostly wheat.	Yes
At least 30 years; simple to very complex design.	Yes
Hundreds of feet in size many times.	Yes
Southern England, U.S., Canada, Japan, Belgium, Germany, Australia.	Yes
Node elongation; expulsion cavities; soil & germination anomalies; etc.	Yes
Balls of light, UFOs in and around vicinity sometimes.	Yes
Odd, residual electromagnetic effects.	Yes
Odd, "psychic" effects on people; distress and elation effects; etc.	Yes

Conclusions (1)

- The theories in order of increasing plausibility when all the evidence is considered are:
  - Natural causes.
  - Ordinary human caused.
  - Military/intelligence activity.
  - "Spiritual" intelligence.
  - UFO ET alien-related activity.
- Only UFO ET alien-related really fits all the facts and evidence.

Conclusions (2)

- Genuine formations exist. They started the phenomenon. They are made by non-human intelligences closely related to UFOs.
- Hoaxed formations exist. They were done by U.S./ U.K. military intelligence. 1985-6 onward. Also by debunkers of paranormal.
- Environmental/"spiritual" formations exist. Done by artists/experimenters in U.K. Probably 1990 onward.
- Naturally caused formations do NOT exist.
- Crop circles are a national security issue. Thus, crop circles will remain officially a mystery.

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